

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Yongyong Xu (pro-se inventor) on 1/13/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1,

Line 17, **before** "at least one component displaying" **insert** wherein the community server is further operating to combine a plurality of communities into a larger community based upon similar resource use;

As per claim 102,

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Line 15, **before** “displaying user generated content” **insert** wherein the community server is further operating to combine a plurality of communities into a larger community based upon similar resource use;

As per claim 28,

Claim 28 is **(cancelled)**

As per claims 60-72,

Claims 60-72 are **(cancelled)**

As per claim 128,

Claim 128 is **(cancelled)**

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-11,13-27,29,30,102-127,129 and 130 are allowable over the prior art of record. The closest prior art of record Cohen, teaches lists of users on a webpages and tracking resources the users and accessing, however it fails to teach combining users in

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communities into a larger community based on their resource use, these limitations being indicated in claims 1 and 102 as “the community server is further operating to combine a plurality of communities into a larger community based upon resource use”.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jay A. Morrison whose telephone number is (571) 272-7112. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Tim Vo can be reached on (571) 272-3642. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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